## General Chairman's Message

On behalf of the NASA Langley Formal Method's Team, I welcome you to Lfm2000, the Fifth NASA Langley Formal Methods Workshop. When the series began in 1990, attendees and presenters were limited to people directly involved in NASA Langley's nascent formal methods program. Subsequent workshops in 1992 and 1995 also restricted attendance to invited people. With the 1997 workshop, we removed attendance restrictions, and also issued an international call for papers. We continued this approach for Lfm2000.

We believe that the program has something to offer just about everyone, from those interested in the theoretical aspects of formal methods to those interested in the practical application of formal methods to help solve industrial problems. We hope that you agree, and that your time at the workshop is both interesting and useful to you.

The paper copy of the proceedings contains the papers selected by the program committee for presentation. The CD contains Portable Document Format (PDF) and (in many cases) PostScript versions of the papers, supplementary information from some authors, tutorial slides and supplementary material, and information about the NASA Langley formal methods program. Much of this material will also be available on the world-wide web at the Lfm2000 web site at <a href="http://shemesh.larc.nasa.gov/fm/Lfm2000">http://shemesh.larc.nasa.gov/fm/Lfm2000</a>>.

Once again, welcome! I look forward to meeting you during the workshop. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to help you while you are here.

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